

COVID-19 has reduced public transit ridership by 60-80% compounding historically unsustainable commuting trends

Cars Still Dominate the American Commute

% of commuters in the U.S. who use the following means of transportation*



Mobility Trends

Change in routing requests since January 13, 2020



The Cycle of Inconvenience



There is no solution to service low - demand areas efficiently with fixed routes, resulting in a **vicious cycle** caused by inconvenience .

Solving the problem with an on-demand solution .



Pantonium's solution employs a proprietary algorithm to dynamically and flexibly route buses in real-time to achieve:





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Belleville Transit's COVID-19 Response

- 80% decline in ridership
- Social distancing on vehicles, rear door boarding
- Increased vehicle cleaning costs
- No fare collection
- Unsustainable cost to offer normal transit schedules

Starting March 27 th

On-demand service only 5-6 vehicles covering entire city operating from 7 AM - 12 AM



Return to Normality: June - September

- Belleville returns to daytime fixed route service and ondemand night service
- Pantonium had collected thousands of trips worth of origindestination and time pairings, mainly for commuters and citizens making essential trips
- Data was used to develop new fixed routes to compliment on-demand transit

Stage Three: Hybrid Model September -Present

- Belleville added fixed routes for stops with high demand that occurs regularly (orange and blue dots)
- While kept stops with infrequent and low demand covered by on-demand service (yellow dots)
- With a **Pantonium Grains** in effect, riders can request trips:
- Between any two ODT stops
- Between any fixed route stop and ODT stop
- Between two stops on different fixed routes
- In each case, no transfer is required



Ozark Regional Transit COVID Response

Rogers, AK, Population: 67,000

- The city added on -demand service to complement their fixed bus routes in January 2020, starting with a hybrid model
- After COVID spiked in the summer they faced reduced ridership, the city went full on-demand in July, replacing all fixed routes
- Ridership increased by 44% while ride times were reduced by 30%
- Shifting fixed route vehicles and stops to on demand increased service levels



Sioux Falls, SD

Fixed Route replacement on Saturdays

- Running 9 buses to service 327 stops
- 79% of riders had to transfer at least once
- 19% of riders said it took longer than 45 minutes for their trip

RFP GOALS

- 15 minute average wait time
- 90% of trips 30 minutes or less,
- 90% of trips within 5 minutes or less of quoted time

OUTCOMES (after 6 weeks)

- 14 minute average wait time
- 81% of trips 30 minutes or less (only 8% took longer than 45 min)
- 93% of trips within 5 minutes or less of quoted time
- **Only 6 vehicles** are needed (3 saved) while improving rider experience
- No Transfers for any trips





Conclusions

- Transit Agencies with on -demand transit can respond to huge demand changes with agility
- Transit Agencies can use on -demand transit to not only replace fixed routes, but they can also compliment them with hybrid service
- On-demand transit can be used to reduce operations costs without impacting ridership or service levels
- Transit agencies with the right technology can do more service with less service hours

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Thank you & Stay Safe

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